

Progress Administration (WPA) Depression Mural by Olin Travis is proudly displayed in their library and in 2004 the school was designated as a Dallas Historical Landmark. The PTA Board has been recognized for generously contributing over 8,500 volunteer service hours. J.L. Long Middle School's commitment to education and character building will help these individuals grow up to become mature, responsible citizens and our next generation of great leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating J.L. Long Middle on seventy five years of academic achievement. I wish them many more years of success.

HONORING THE ADRIAN COLLEGE ON THEIR SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today Adrian College on the occasion of their Sesquicentennial Celebration. Adrian College evolved from a theological institute founded by the Wesleyan Methodist denomination in 1845.

On March 28, 1859, Adrian College was chartered by the Michigan legislature as a degree-granting institution with Dr. Asa Mahan as its first President. For almost 100 years, the campus consisted of several brick buildings stretching along Madison Street. In the mid-1950s, the College, encouraged by the generosity of Ray W. Herrick, embarked in a building program that established the basis for the current campus. Today, when students walk in the area bounded on the east by Madison Street and edged by Downs Hall, North Hall, Cornelius House and Herrick Tower, they tread on the same ground that students hurried across in 1859.

In an era of many constant challenges that face our daily lives, the tireless efforts of educational institutions like this one, help to make our community, state and country an outstanding place to learn, live and work. It is with deep appreciation of the significance of this milestone that I commend Adrian College on the occasion of their Sesquicentennial Celebration.

HONORING THE DIVINE PER- FORMING ARTS GROUP FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND COUR- AGE TO AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, As a medical doctor, I can tell you without any doubt that music and the arts have routinely proven to have a positive psychological affect on those with low spirits. All through history we have seen the use of music and dance lift hearts and minds. During the American Revolution and Civil War, music was a way of forgetting the horrors of war. During enslave-

ment, African Americans sang spirituals to give each other hope. And during the Great Depression, there were always music and dance shows to lift the spirits of the "Forgotten Man."

Now, in the great city of Augusta, Georgia, the Divine Performing Arts will be displaying their "amazing", "magnificent", and "spectacular" abilities on stage. This group of world-class performers will be presenting the beauty of traditional Chinese art as their way of fighting "against the negative impacts of the current economic situation and its consequences in the Augusta area."

As many cities across the world have already witnessed, these performers bring a message of kindness, compassion, and courage, while rousing viewers to help the downtrodden in their community. Certainly, these themes are inspirational and benefit all of the communities that they have visited.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in both welcoming and applauding the Divine Performing Arts group to "The Garden City". They have shown past success in breaking down cultural barriers, and I hope my constituents in Augusta take the time to appreciate this special performance.

HONORING THE ADRIAN DOMINI- CAN SISTERS ON THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARK H. SCHAUER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor today the Adrian Dominican Sisters on the occasion of their 125th Anniversary. The Adrian Dominican Sisters are a Roman Catholic Congregation of more than 850 vowed religious women who trace their heritage to St. Dominic in the 13th century. Also serving with them are around 195 associates, non-vowed men and women who are committed to sharing in their mission and vision.

They minister in 31 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and in the nations of Canada, the Dominican Republic, Italy and Swaziland.

The Adrian Dominican Sisters serve in a variety of ministries depending on the needs of the people to whom they are sent. They also sponsor numerous schools, hospitals, retreat centers and a variety of many other businesses and institutions.

The weekend of May 15th through the 17th of 2009 will mark the 125th Anniversary of the Adrian Dominican Sisters' establishment of their permanent presence in the city of Adrian, Michigan. It is with deep appreciation of the significance of this milestone that I commend the Adrian Dominican Sisters on the occasion of their 125th Anniversary.

NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2009

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with deep respect and admiration that I rise to commend five exceptional business leaders from Northwest Indiana who will be honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame's class of 2009. Created by The Times and BusIness magazine, induction into the Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame is determined by a panel of local civic and business leaders. While there were many deserving nominees, the individuals selected as the 2009 Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame inductees are: Calvin Bellamy, Don Burrell, Bruce Leetz, Cynthia Powers, and Burton Ruby. For their many contributions to the enhancement of Northwest Indiana, these honorees will be recognized at a ceremony taking place at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana, on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

Cal Bellamy is the former president and chief executive officer of the former Bank Calumet, where he worked for an astonishing thirty-one years. Having served as Bank Calumet's CEO for twenty-four of those years, Cal made a lasting impression on the Northwest Indiana community through his immense dedication to many worthwhile causes. Now an attorney with Krieg DeVault LLC, where he specializes in financial planning, Cal has continued to champion the needs of his community. From working to improve schools to working to develop small businesses and affordable housing, Cal has led the charge toward bettering the quality of life in Northwest Indiana.

Don Burrell is the founder and President of Burrell Color Imaging in Crown Point, Indiana. Don, having gotten his start in the business world with a few hundred dollars he obtained from the sale of his car, truly understands what hard work and perseverance can attain. This is why a key aspect of his business strategy is to respect his employees and allow them to advance to their full potential. While his business has been very successful, it is Don's commitment to those most in need that is most commendable. Throughout the years, Don's staunch support for the Burrell Cancer Institute at Saint Anthony's Medical Center and the Saint Jude House women's and children's shelter has been truly remarkable.

Bruce Leetz joined North Coast Distributing in 1963 as a driver. By 1970, he was named president of the family owned business that has grown to become a multi-million-case distributor based out of Valparaiso, Indiana. Bruce's explanation for the success is the company culture, which is based on values that he has always lived by: passion, respect, integrity, commitment, and excelling, which he refers to as the PRICE of success. While other companies throughout Northwest Indiana have surely replicated this structure, it is the exemplary commitment to their community that set Bruce Leetz and North Coast Distributing apart. In 2008 alone, North Coast raised nearly \$80,000 for Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital to help find a cure for childhood cancer.

Cynthia Powers is the owner of Century 21 Powers Realty, Inc. Well-respected and well-known for her success as a businesswoman in Northwest Indiana, she may be even more recognizable for her immeasurable contributions to her church and her community. As a cancer survivor, Cynthia truly understands the importance of faith, and her commitment to her church, First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Gary, can be seen in the more than twenty years she has led the youth choir. In the Northwest Indiana community, a more giving person could not be found. To name a few of her contributions, Cynthia has served as chairman and on the board of directors for the Lake Area United Way, and she has served on the board of directors for The Discovery Alliance, Tradewinds, and the Friends of Hospice of the Calumet Area.

Burton "Bud" Ruby, chairman of Jamar-Ruby, has spent over seventy years with the company founded by his father over ninety-three years ago. After learning the trade from the shop floor, Bud advanced in the ranks, eventually becoming president and chief executive officer in 1957. Today, at age 89, Bud remains chairman of the company, which now conducts business under the name Trans-Apparel Group. In addition to his success as a businessman, Bud knows a thing or two about serving his community; he is a World War II veteran. Locally, Bud has served the community through his service with several councils and foundations, including: the Duneland Health Council, where he serves as its chairman, and the Purdue University North Central Chancellor's Advisory Board and the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, where he serves on each of their boards of directors. Additionally, he has been a member of Rotary International since 1939.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding leaders on their induction into the Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame. These individuals are most deserving of being named the class of 2009, and for their leadership and commitment to the Northwest Indiana community, each of the recipients is worthy of our respect and admiration.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following earmark request:

1.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105
Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: The New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway navigation project provides a safe, reliable, and efficient navigation channel for the East Coast's largest and the 5th most valuable commercial fishing fleet in the U.S. and nine U.S. Coast Guard Stations, including the only U.S. Coast Guard enlistee training base in the U.S. Funding in the amount of \$888,000 will be used to repair a critically damaged bulkhead in Point Pleasant,

NJ by performing channel exams, maintenance dredging of the ferry area, Cape May Canal bank stabilization & maintenance, rehabilitation of the steel bulkhead, repairing Point Pleasant Canal Old Bridge Abutments, and maintenance dredging segment 2.

2.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: This Manasquan River, NJ project provides safe, reliable, and efficient navigation channel for the busiest inlet in NJ. Funding in the amount of \$337,000 will be used to monitor the jetty, perform maintenance dredging of the entrance channel and repair retaining wall curb.

3.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$957,000 will be used for the Sandy Hook to Barnegat Inlet, NJ project to continue the construction of the sand nourishment phase of Section II of this critical shore protection project, an area that extends from Belmar to Manasquan, NJ and incorporates the beaches of several coastal towns in Monmouth County, NJ. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the non-Federal sponsor of this project and will pay a third of the costs.

4.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations—Feasibility Study

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: Funding for the NJ Shoreline Alternative Long-Term Nourishment in the amount of \$96,000 will be used to continue the Feasibility phase of this study. Work will continue to evaluate all of New Jersey's coastal projects, including the different reaches of beach replenishment projects, as a system to ensure maximum benefits are achieved from the Federal investment and reduce long-term periodic nourishment costs. This includes developing a regional sediment budget and an improved understanding of regional coastal processes, implementation of an efficient regional monitoring program, and development of a comprehensive beach, inlet, and borrow area management strategy. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the non-Federal sponsor and will provide a 50/50 cost share.

5.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Investigations—Feasibility Study

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$277,000 will be used to continue the plan formulation effort for the Feasibility study to evaluate the alternative solutions to the region's problems regarding flooding along the Delaware River and tributaries will begin. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the non-Federal sponsor and will provide a 50/50 cost share.

6.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 1105 Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Construction—Continuing Authorities Program Section 1135

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: Funding for the Assunpink Creek Basin, NJ will be used to implement the Project Partnership Agreement and initiate and complete the design. Funding can also be used to award the construction contract.

7.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Army Corps of Engineers—Continuing Authorities Program—Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Description of Request: The Assunpink Creek study area is located between the flood control dam at Mercer County Park in West Windsor and the City of Trenton. Benefits from flood damage reduction projects include saving structures and contents from flood damage, the savings from alleviation of cleanup costs, and reduction of the costs of flood fighting and evacuation. The ACE will use the funding for flood plain reconnection, stream restoration, wetland creation, impervious cover removal, flood proofing and flood plain management to be the most likely alternative given the highly urbanized setting of the area.

8.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Energy EERE—Solar Energy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Isles, Inc.
Address of Requesting Agency: 10 Wood Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08618

Description of Request: The "Solar and Green Retrofit" project will house an environmental center and be a showcase for green buildings, with renovations incorporating cutting-edge, high performance environmental technology, including solar photovoltaic panels on the roof, expansive interior day lighting, and energy efficient heating and cooling systems.

Financial Plan:

Green Roof Installation \$100,000
Solar Array Installation \$100,000
Associated Design Fees \$37,875
TOTAL \$237,875

9.) Requesting Member: Rep. CHRIS SMITH
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Energy EERE—Other

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Trenton

Address of Requesting Agency: 319 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Description of Request: The city of Trenton's Green Renewable Energy Feasibility Study will use the funding in the amount of \$475,000 to examine the utility of windpower and solar panel demonstration projects in Trenton, which have the potential to save the City significant fiscal resources while simultaneously realizing a positive outcome for the environment.

Financial Plan:

City Personnel \$100,000
Energy Consultant \$328,250
Indirect Costs \$47,500
TOTAL \$475,750